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In re Application of:

Minoru Hara

Application No.: 10/620,889

Filed: July 16, 2003

For: **ROTOR FOR CENTRIFUGAL  
SEPARATOR AND ADAPTER FOR  
CENTRIFUGAL SEPARATOR**

Examiner:

Art Group:

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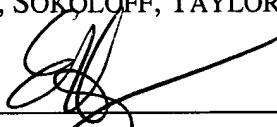
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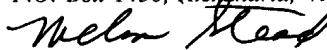
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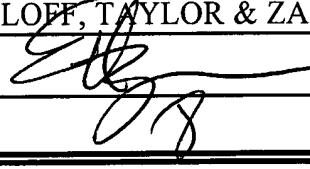
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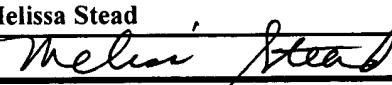
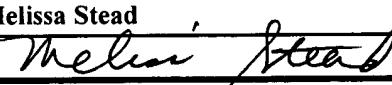
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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		FeePad
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee Description (\$)	
1001	770	2001	385 Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170 Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265 Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385 Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80 Provisional filing fee	
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	FeePad
		20**	=	
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	66	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
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1204	66	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
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2053	130	2053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920 *	1804	920 * Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840 *	1805	1,840 * Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	420	2252	210 Extension for reply within second month
1253	950	2253	475 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,480	2254	740 Extension for reply within fourth month
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1404	330	2401	165 Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	2451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
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1810	770	2810	385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	770	2801	385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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